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TO THE HON. SEN. CORLEY, WALLACE GOVE OF ALABAMA  
STATE CAPITAL, MONTGOMERY, AL 36106. PLUS ADDRES

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RE: COMMEMORATION OF AFGHANISTAN DAY, MARCH 21, 1983

MARCH 21 HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN CELEBRATED AS THE BEGINNING  
OF THE AFGHAN NEW YEAR. AS THIS DATE APPROACHES, THE SOVIET  
OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES INTO THE FOURTH YEAR.

THERE IS ENORMOUS SUFFERING AS A RESULT. THE POLITICAL  
REPRESSION AND THE DENIAL OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AS WELL AS  
THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS BY THE SOVIETS,  
HAVE CAUSED A CONTINUING FLOW OF AFGHAN REFUGEES INTO NEIGH-  
BORING COUNTRIES.

YOU WERE SENT MATERIAL RECENTLY BY JAYNE PLANK, DIRECTOR  
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,  
DOCUMENTING THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE TO AGGRESSION.

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I URGE YOUR SUPPORT BY ISSUING A RESOLUTION OR PROCLAMA-  
TION DESIGNATING MARCH 21 AS AFGHANISTAN DAY, A DAY TO  
COMMEMORATE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. I  
ASK YOU TO HELP US SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT THE PEOPLE OF  
THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE PEOPLE OF  
AFGHANISTAN AND THE SUFFERING THEY ARE EXPERIENCING UNDER  
SOVIET OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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